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The Honorable John K. Vincent  
Acting United States Attorney, Eastern District of California  
Sacramento Federal Courthouse  
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Dear Mr. Vincent,

This letter constitutes a formal request that the U.S. Attorney's Office open an investigation into the ongoing controversy regarding the State of California and the Oracle Corporation's contract for computer software and licenses.

On April 16, 2002, the Bureau of State Audits released a report confirming that three state agencies under Governor Gray Davis' direction never justified the need for the software purchased under the contract. Specifically, the report noted that most state agencies indicated they had no need for the software and that Davis Administration officials may have violated state contracting rules by signing contracts without seeking competitive bids.

Today, the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee indicated in a widely published news report that officials in the Governor's administration may have pressured the Legislature to cut short its investigation into this software purchase. Late press reports this afternoon indicate that the California Highway Patrol has been dispatched to the California Department of Information and Technology to prevent any destruction of potential evidence relating to this matter.

Due to the large number of individuals involved and the potential for conflicts of interest, I am hopeful that you share my belief that your office has jurisdiction to investigate this matter. Specifically, the terms of the Oracle contract and any attempts on behalf the Davis Administration to silence state-level inquiries into this matter are most troubling, and would greatly benefit from an impartial examination by your office.

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Given the scope and enormous cost of the Oracle contract, as well as the documented attempts to suppress information, I believe the citizens of California deserve a thorough, nonpartisan and timely investigation into this matter. I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

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Assembly Republican Leader